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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOSCOW 14323

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TAGS: PINT, PINS, CSCE, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: SLEPAK SENTENCED

REF: MOSCOW 14297

SUMMARY: SLEPAK HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS
EXILE. SLEPAK REPORTEDLY CHOSE TO DEFEND HIMSELF
BUT WAS REFUSED PERMISSION TO CALL ANY DEFENSE
WITNESSES. END SUMMARY.

1. SLEPAK TRIAL ENDED AT ABOUT 4:30 P.M. OBSERVERS
AT COURTHOUSE DID NOT SEE SLEPAK LEAVE COURTHOUSE
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BECAUSE HE WAS REMOVED THROUGH A BACK ENTRY. WHEN
REFUSENIK CROWD OF THIRTY OR SO ATTEMPTED TO REACH
BACK OF BUILDING THEY WERE SPRAYED WITH WATER FROM
AN UNSEEN HOSE ON THE FAR SIDE OF A TEN FOOT WALL.
SEVERAL WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS ALSO GOT DOUSED
WITH WATER AND WERE INDIGNANT AT THE "IMMATURE"
BEHAVIOR OF THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES.

2. FORTY-FIVE MINUTES AFTER SLEPAK HAD BEEN TAKEN AWAY AND EXCITEMENT OVER THE HOSING INCIDENT HAD COOLED, A UNIFORMED OFFICER SOUGHT OUT SLEPAK'S WIFE'S SISTER AND HER HUSBAND AND ESCORTED THEM INTO THE COURTHOUSE. WHEN THEY EMERGED, FIVE MINUTES LATER, THEY SAID THEY HAD BEEN INFORMED SLEPAK HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO FIVE YEARS' EXILE.

3. EMBOFF SPOKE WITH SISTER-IN-LAW, WHO SAID WITH EVIDENT RELIEF "NO JAIL SENTENCE, BUT FIVE YEARS IS A LONG TIME." SHE SAID SHE AND HER HUSBAND HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO THE COURTHOUSE JUNE 22 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PRESUMABLY, SHE SAID, ABOUT WHERE THE TERM OF EXILE MUST BE SERVED (SHE SAID NOTHING ABOUT SLEPAK'S APPEALING THE SENTENCE).

4. REFUSENIKS AT COURTHOUSE TOLD EMBOFF SLEPAK REJECTED THE COURT-APPOINTED LAWYER WHO LEFT THE TRIAL ABOUT 11:30 A.M. SLEPAK CHOSE TO DEFEND HIMSELF BUT WAS REPORTEDLY REFUSED PERMISSION TO CALL ANY WITNESSES IN HIS OWN DEFENSE. MATLOCK

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